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WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 21 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today presented to President Nixon a petition signed by 493 residents of Newton, Kansas stating their support for the President's program in Cambodia for the protection of U.S. troops in Vietnam.

The petition, printed in the June 11, 1970 Congressional Record, was sent to Sen. Dole by the, Support the President Project-Newton Jaycees, Chairman Fred H. Nickel.

This petition, along with others, was presented to the President in a ceremony at the White House at 4:00 this afternoon.

The text of the petition read:

We support and back the President's program in Cambodia for the protection of the U.S. troops in Vietnam. We oppose the restriction of the President, as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, from doing what is necessary to protect those troops. We support the President's Vietnamization program and the speedy withdrawal of our troops from Indochina. We wish you well.

Signed by 493 residents of Newton, Kansas.

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